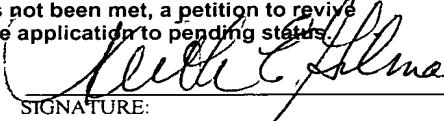


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER REGIM 3.3-041
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/01207	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 April 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/511377
TITLE OF INVENTION SPLINT FOR A JOINT CONNECTION AND METHODS FOR PRODUCTION OF SUCH A SPLINT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jean-Paul Parizot		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).<input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.<input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.<input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.<input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Face Page of International Application as published (French), Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings, Return Receipt Postcard		

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) – (5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1110.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$950.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$790.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$750.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE Total claims 23-20 = 3 x 18.00 \$ 54.00 Independent claims 2-3 = x \$ 0.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable) + 300.00 \$ 300.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 1,464.00		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$. SUBTOTAL = \$ 732.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 732.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$ TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 732.00		
		Amount to be refunded: \$
		Amount to be charged: \$
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> in the amount of \$ <u>732.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.		
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.		
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  SIGNATURE: Keith E. Gilman		
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